

Ouabache State Park

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All interpretive programs are family oriented. Parents and children are encouraged to attend activities together. An adult should accompany children under the age of 10 to all programs.

Friday, June 1

10:00 am **Bison Stroll** - Come on over to the bison enclosure and get up close and personal with our resident bison! We will stroll around the enclosure while learning more about bison and communing with nature.

Saturday, June 2

10:30 am **InShape Hike** – Watch the schedule all summer long for InShape hikes. There will be at least one a week. For this hike we will meet at trail #2 by the tennis and basketball courts. We will be moving fast as this hike is for your health, so wear good shoes and bring water. No small children, please!

2:45 pm **Pool Break** – Meet on the lawn in front of the pool to meet a special guest or make a craft! Be sure to get your hand stamped so you can easily re-enter the pool.

5:00 pm **Hoosier Quest** – This new series takes the place of our old Park Patch. Learn to “Discover” and “Connect” with nature and culture, or find out about our new family weekender series, “Explore”. Meet at the Campground Shelter.

7:30 pm **Bill Houk & Leave No Trace** - Join Master Educator Bill Houk as he volunteers his time to lead us in a workshop on how to help preserve and maintain our parks and forests. This program is typically 1-2 hours long and includes skits, games, video, and experiential methods of the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace. Please join us at the Trail’s End Shelter.

Sunday, June 3

8:00 am **Church Service** – Bring your lawn chairs to the campground shelter to worship with a local minister in an informal service surrounded by nature.

11:00 am **Leaf Rubbings** - Meet at the Rustic Oak Shelter to make some leaf rubbings.

2:45 pm **Pool Break** – Meet on the lawn in front of the pool to meet a special guest or make a craft! Be sure to get your hand stamped so you can easily re-enter the pool.

Wednesday, June 6

10:00 am **Insect ID** – Bring your bug guides to the Rustic Oak Shelter and see what bugs you can find!

1:00 pm **Doodlefish** - Come to the Trail’s End Shelter to draw a fish and learn its parts.

Thursday, June 7

- 10:00 am **InShape Hike** – Watch the schedule all summer long for InShape hikes. There will be at least one a week. For this hike we will meet at the parking lot near the gatehouse and walk along the paved bike trail. (there is no parking near the gatehouse) We will be moving fast as this hike is for your health, so wear good shoes and bring water. No small children, please!
- 1:00 pm **Poison Ivy** – What’s this itchy weed all about? Meet by the Rustic Oak Shelter to find out more.

Friday, June 8

- 10:00 am **Dragonflies** - Meet at the lodge near Kunkel Lake to learn more about these fascinating creatures and make one to take home with you.
- 1:00 pm **Bison Stroll** - Come on over to the bison enclosure and get up close and personal with our resident bison! We will stroll around the enclosure while learning more about bison and communing with nature.

Saturday, June 9

- 1:45 pm **Pool Break** – Meet on the lawn in front of the pool to meet a special guest or make a craft! Be sure to get your hand stamped so you can easily re-enter the pool.
- 5:00 pm **Hoosier Quest** – This new series takes the place of our old Park Patch. Learn to “Discover” and “Connect” with nature and culture, or find out about our new family weekender series, “Explore”. Meet at the Campground Shelter.
- 7:00 pm **Going Batty!** - Learn some interesting facts about these creatures of the night. We will also be playing some batty games and making bats of our own. Meet us at the Campground Shelter.

Sunday, June 10

- 8:00 am **Church Service** – Bring your lawn chairs to the campground shelter to worship with a local minister in an informal service surrounded by nature.
- 11:00 am **Lake Looking** - Meet by the lodge at Kunkel Lake where we will investigate the critters that reside in the mud.
- 1:45 pm **Pool Break** – Meet on the lawn in front of the pool to meet a special guest or make a craft! Be sure to get your hand stamped so you can easily re-enter the pool.

Thursday, June 14

- 10:00 am **Bird ID Books** - Meet at the Trail’s End Shelter area to learn about the feathered friends we have at the park.

Friday, June 15 – Sunday June 17

- Rendezvous Weekend** - Come out and see what life was like for the Native Americans and early settlers in the 1800’s in this weekend-long event. Event participants begin arriving Friday and there will be events scheduled all weekend. There will be Tomahawk tossing, children’s games, bison talk, stories, and much more. See the special Rendezvous program schedule for times and details of individual programs.

Thursday, June 21

- 10:00 am **InShape Hike** – Watch the schedule all summer long for InShape hikes. There will be at least one a week. For this hike we will meet at Trail 1 by the bison enclosure. We will be moving fast as this hike is for your health, so wear good shoes and bring water. No small children, please!
- 1:00 pm **Hug A Tree** - Meet at the Rustic Oak Shelter to learn why trees are so important to us. Then we will make some bark and leaf rubbings!

Friday, June 22

- 10:00 am **What's That Smell?** - Come hear about skunks and find out why there's more to them than just their smell. Meet at the lodge by Kunkel Lake.
- 1:00 pm **Scavenger Hunt** - Meet at the Trail's End Shelter and see if you can find the items on my list!

Saturday, June 23

- 1:45 pm **Pool Break** – Meet on the lawn in front of the pool to meet a special guest or make a craft! Be sure to get your hand stamped so you can easily re-enter the pool.
- 5:00 pm **Hoosier Quest** – This new series takes the place of our old Park Patch. Learn to “Discover” and “Connect” with nature and culture, or find out about our new family weekender series, “Explore”. Meet at the Campground Shelter.
- 8:00 pm **Changing of the Guard** - Take a stroll around Trail 2 (in the campground) as we learn about the animals who are preparing to awaken and begin their “nightly” activities.

Sunday, June 24

- 8:00 am **Church Service** – Bring your lawn chairs to the campground shelter to worship with a local minister in an informal service surrounded by nature.
- 11:00 am **Turtles** - These reptiles are very common at Ouabache. Meet at the Campground Shelter and learn more about them.
- 1:45 pm **Pool Break** – Meet on the lawn in front of the pool to meet a special guest or make a craft! Be sure to get your hand stamped so you can easily re-enter the pool.

Wednesday, June 27

- 10:00 am **InShape Hike** – Watch the schedule all summer long for InShape hikes. There will be at least one a week. For this hike we will meet at Trail 3 by the campgrounds. We will be moving fast as this hike is for your health, so wear good shoes and bring water. No small children, please!
- 1:00 pm **Nature Bingo** - Good fun for everyone. Meet at the Campground Shelter.

Thursday, June 28

- 10:00 am **Canada Goose** – Meet at the lodge near Kunkel Lake and learn more about this bird.
- 1:00 pm **Rascally Raccoons** – These critters may look cute and cuddly, but they are very mischievous. Learn more about their habits in this talk. Meet at the Campground Shelter.
- 4:30 pm **Afternoon Bird Hike** – Meet at Trail 3 to go birding. This program will last up to 1 hour. Children under age 15 **must** be accompanied by an adult. Bring your bird guides, bug spray, and binoculars.
- 7:00 pm **Fort Wayne Philharmonic Patriotic Pops Concert** - Come listen to the sounds of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra as they put on a Patriotic pops concert for Ouabache. Bring your chairs, blankets, and a picnic (if you'd like) and enjoy music in the park. We will be on the hill by the pool. Get here early for a good seat!

Friday, June 29

10:00 am **Nuts About Squirrels** - Meet at the Trail's End Shelter to learn more about these fascinating rodents. Stop by for a nutty time!

Saturday, June 30

1:45 pm **Pool Break** – Meet on the lawn in front of the pool to meet a special guest or make a craft! Be sure to get your hand stamped so you can easily re-enter the pool.

5:00 pm **Hoosier Quest** – This new series takes the place of our old Park Patch. Learn to “Discover” and “Connect” with nature and culture, or find out about our new family weekend series, “Explore”. Meet at the Campground Shelter.

7:00 pm **Raptors** - Meet at the Campground Shelter and learn more about these beautiful birds of prey.